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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

High HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

By his Excellency PATRICK HENRY *jun. Esq; Governour or Chief Magistrate of the commonwealth of* Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have received authentick intelligence, that the situation of the army under the command of his Excellency General Washington is still such as to require the most speedy and expeditious reinforcements which can possibly be sent, and it being represented that the ill success of the recruiting service within this state has been occasioned by the scheme for enlisting volunteers, which, by my former proclamation, and from the urgent necessity which seemed then to demand it, I thought proper to encourage: To the end, therefore, that those measures of government, which aimed at the general security and prosperity of America, may no longer have the unhappy tendency to weaken and impair them both, I think fit, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, to issue this my proclamation, hereby enjoining and requiring all county lieutenants, and other officers and subjects of this state, who may have been encouraged by the terms held out in my said former proclamation to form volunteer companies, that they henceforth desist; and all persons who may have already associated such companies are earnestly requested to use their utmost endeavours to prevail on the men who have so engaged to enlist in the regular service. And as the expeditious filling up the several regiments which are now raising is a matter that highly concerns the general safety, it is warmly recommended to every good man and friend to his country, and particularly to the clergy of every denomination, to exert in their several stations that influence which they possess over the people, in such manner as may be necessary for effecting so salutary a purpose.

Those officers who have already engaged volunteer companies, and who may find themselves unable to prevail with their men to enlist into the regular service, are desired to send me a list of their several companies, as soon possible; and such of the officers of the six additional battalions in the continental service, as are yet remaining here, for the purpose of recruiting, are once more called upon to exert themselves in the prosecution of that business, and are required, according to the desire of the Congress, to march to head quarters with their companies, or parts of companies, as they shall respectively complete their quotas.

Given under my hand, this 19th day of February, in the 1st year of the commonwealth, annoque Domini, 1777.

PATRICK HENRY, jun.

To GEORGE III. *King of* GREAT BRITAIN.

WE have seen your speech to parliament; and though we thought we had put an end to all business of the kind, cannot resist the inclination we feel to address you on that occasion. If we shall be thought to have named the name of a crowned head with too much plainness and freedom, what other causes soever may concur, you may impute it to the genius of the government we live under, which, being of a simple nature, exerts its utmost energy to promote equally the happiness of all its subjects, but pays little regard to that splendour and magnificence of state which so strangely discriminates persons of the same species. We shall endeavour, however, to make some amends for this, or any thing else, in what we offer, which may argue an awkward unacquaintedness with the language of courtiers, by borrowing many of your own expressions. Your parliament will allow that this is the polite style of addresses. We have not yet had a sight of theirs, but, from a thorough knowledge of their manner, we think it would not be difficult to compose one for them, with little variation from the true; but as this would be but a waste of time, we only bespeak your attention to what follows.

Nothing, sir, could have afforded us so much satisfaction as to have learned from your speech, at the opening of the present session of your parliament, that the troubles which have so long distracted us were at an end, and that, recovered from your delusions, you had delivered yourself from your vain lust of power, and returned to that duty which you owe to your creator and your fellow creatures; but, so daring and desperate is the spirit of dominion, for which you have ever had an unextinguishable thirst, that you have openly renounced the constitution, withdrawn your protection, declared war against us, and thus have destroyed all political connexion with this country. Having often rejected, with circumstances of indignity and insult, our most dutiful and submissive petitions, when we asked only our rights, what wonder that we have at last set up for independent states? What followed this necessary measure was a still greater insult to our understandings, for you held out for terms of *conciliation* our absolute submission to the will of your parliament, the very thing which first occasioned our differences. If this mad war you are waging against us be not speedily ended, much mischief may grow from it. Your dominions, indeed, are already lessened, but they may be annihilated; your commerce is impaired, but it may be ruined; you are contemptible enough in the system of Europe, but you may become a vice-roy. To us, however, should it proceed, one great advantage will be derived from your motives being openly avowed and clearly understood: We shall have unanimity among us, founded on the general conviction of the justice and necessity of our measures.

You say right, that you have recovered Canada; but this was neither owing to the blessing of Divine Providence (which cannot, without impiety, be supposed to favour the cause of a man who, with as many imperfections as perhaps ever fell to the share of any man, would arrogate to himself the prerogative of Heaven) nor to the good conduct and valour of your officers and forces by sea and land (for they were opposed by men at least equal to them in both, and who have gained more glory from even that unsuccessful expedition than your forces in withstanding them) nor yet to the zeal and bravery of the *auxiliary* troops in your service (fie! George, to talk of *such* auxiliaries) but simply to a political errour of our rulers, which experience has taught them to correct.

Whatever those unavoidable delays may have been which hindered your operations at New York till the month of August, we cannot suppose you have much reason to complain of them, as experience teaches that the more the campaign is lengthened the worse your troops fare. Howsoever unpromising a prospect this consideration may afford you, we too well know the obstinacy of your temper to need being told that you will, at all events, prepare for another campaign; yet, blind as you are to your great and essential interests, you are too well versed in the modes of courts to repose such implicit confidence in the assurances of amity you say you have received from the several powers of Europe, not to see, in the present situation of affairs, that it is expedient you should be in a respectable state of defence at home. But what pity is it that all this cannot be done without putting your faithful Commons to great expense! and how much to be lamented is it that they cannot for their relief freely command our purses, while engaged in the *arduous* contest, whether they shall command them in all time coming! and contending too, as you say, for the maintenance of the honour of your crown, the vindication of the just rights of parliament, and the publick welfare. But, had you never aimed at any thing beyond these, if you had not even attempted what is totally incompatible with them all, we should never have had any dispute with you.

Something we have always had to complain of, yet true indeed it is that we *have been* upon the whole happy, and enjoyed a mild government; and had you not been so ill advised as to break in upon our repose, our numbers, our wealth, our strength by sea and land (whatever they may be) would never have appeared to make head against the whole power of the mother country, but would have continued still to be her firm support. Whatever our improvements in every art may be (advantages we would rather possess than boast of) you have, with a most impudent disregard to truth, attributed to the mildness of your government over us. If kings are in earnest when they speak of the dignity of their thrones, they will take care that truth be their foundation, that it surround and fill them. Did

not your's tremble under you while you asserted this? But your canopy seemed to hold you from the eye of Heaven, and you were not afraid of offending that King of Kings who sat above it. What legislative acts ever obtained your fiat for encouraging such improvements among us? Let hats and slitting mills witness; witness too all ye languishing arts.

It was a duty we owed to ourselves, and posterity, to restore the blessings of law and liberty, in violating which you have shamefully tarnished your crown; and in pursuit of this noblest of all earthly objects, we are animated with an ardour which cannot fail to alleviate all the calamities of war, while we lift up our minds to that still more momentous object which we are taught to aim at through affliction and tribulation.

The FREEMEN *of* AMERICA.

BALTIMORE, *February* 4.

WE hear that since the arrival of the enemy's ships of war in the bay a number of perfidious people in the counties of Worcester and Somerset, on the Eastern Shore of this state, have assembled in hostile array, having several months ago been supplied with arms by the Convention to defend our liberties. They had been vapouring for some time, and are now so audacious as to erect a pole with a rag upon it marked with the letters G. R. supposed to mean the sceptred miscreant, who, in violation of his coronation oath, is now, together with his venal parliament, attempting to enslave that people whom they were bound to make happy. It is said that general Smallwood is going, with a detachment of troops, to pay the banditti a visit; and on his appearing, we prophecy that their ignoble colours will be immediately lowered.

A few days ago a vessel arrived safe in the Delaware from Europe, with 12,000 bushels of salt on board.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Feb.* 21.

WE have not a sylliable of news by the Northward post, who arrived yesterday evening; but by some gentlemen who left general Washington's camp about three weeks ago, we learn that col. Charles Scott of the 5th Virginia regiment, being on a scouting party with about 200 men, fell in with much the same number of the enemy, of whom he killed about 30, as was afterwards learned by a deserter; but, upon a large reinforcement coming to their assistance, he was obliged to retreat, after having had the misfortune to lose major RICHARD PARKER, an active and gallant officer, and adjutant EDMUND KELLY, a soldier of approved valour, who, when lying on the ground disabled by a wound in both legs, had his brains inhumanly beat out, with the breech of a gun, by a Hessian officer. We lost also about seven private men.

Extract of a letter from Winchester, *Feb* 14, 1777.

"We have certain accounts from the Ohio, that mr George Rogers Clark, and mr John Gabriel Jones, the two gentlemen delegated by the inhabitants of Kentucky to represent them in Assembly, were killed, and three others in company with them, by the Indians, below the mouth of Scioto, on their return; and a quantity of ammunition, which was sent by them for the defence of that settlement, fell into the hands of the savages."

Marriages] Adjutant KINCAID, of the 18th regiment, to miss AGATHA CHINN, of Winchester.

Deaths] WILLIAM STARKE, esq; aid de camp to lord Sterling, of the small-pox, at mr. John Armistead's in Caroline. He was a very promising young gentleman, and behaved like a brave soldier while on duty to the Northward.

IN COUNCIL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *February* 15, 1777.

THE Board of Council, with great concern, are given to understand that the practice of GAMING is introduced in several houses in this city. For the suppression of this baneful practice, it is ordered that the mayor and all the magistrates of the said city be requested to use their utmost endeavours to put the laws into rigorous execution against this dangerous vice.

(*A copy*)
ARCH: BLAIR, CL. CON.

IN COUNCIL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *February* 18, 1777.

ALL *captains, mates, and mariners, who have been taken on board any British merchant ships, and who now remain prisoners on parole in this commonwealth, are directed to repair to this Board with all convenient speed, in order to their being exchanged; and the several officers of this state, in whose custody any such prisoners are, are required forthwith to send them to the city of Williamsburg.*

(A copy)
ARCH: BLAIR, CL. CON.

IN COUNCIL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *February* 7, 1777.

IT appearing to this Board some misunderstandings have arisen on the subject of enlisting soldiers in this state by the officers of *Georgia*, and by the resolution of the Assembly the said officers have a right to enlist one battalion here:

Ordered, that no interruption or molestation be given to the enlistment of the said battalion; and the several officers now recruiting in this commonwealth are to demean themselves accordingly.

(*A copy*)
ARCHIBALD BLAIR, clerk.

To be LET,

THE *building of an* HOSPITAL *for the soldiers of this state, to be* 100 *feet long and* 20 *wide. Any person willing to undertake the same is desired to make application to the Governour and Council, on* Friday *the* 14*th day of* March *next.*

ARCH: BLAIR, CL. CON.
Williamsburg *Feb* 21 1777

THE contractors for the continental troops in this state are requested to meet me in the city of *Williamsburg* on *Monday* the 3*d* of *March* next, with a state of their provisions on hand, and when a mode of settlement will be laid before them, by order of Congress, which I have no doubt will be satisfactory.

W. SMITH, D. C. G.

For SALE, *the first Friday in* March *next*,

A TRACT of land lying on both sides of the *Three Creeks* in *Brunswick* county, containing 384 acres, whereon is a good dwelling house, and all other convenient houses for cropping. There are about 25 bushels of wheat sowed, under a good fence; and the soil is good for tobacco or wheat. Likewise the stock of horses, cattle, and hogs, with the crop of corn and fodder, household and kitchen furniture, and many other things too tedious to mention. Three years credit will be allowed, the purchasers giving bond with approved security to carry interest from the date if not punctually paid. Any person inclined to purchase the land at private sale may have the stock on the place. 2‖ PETER AVENT.

*** I have about 2000 wt. of PORK, and 500 wt. of BACON, for sale.

THE colonel of the 12th regiment raised in this state presents his compliments to the reverend mr. *Buchan*, and would be extremely glad to know, by a line directed to him at *Winchester*, whether the appointment of chaplain to that regiment would be agreeable to him.

To be SOLD *to the highest bidders, at the dwelling-house of* James Fletcher, *deceased in* Prince George *county, on* Wednesday *the* 5*th of* March *next*,

ALL the personal estate, consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep, household and kitchen furniture, with the crop of corn and fodder. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchasers giving bond and approved security to the executor; and if not punctually paid, the bonds to bear interest from the date.

*** All persons who have any demands against the estate are desired to make them known, and those indebted to make speedy payment, or give bonds for what they owe. 2‖

FEBRUARY 10, 1777.

SIX dollars reward for taking up and delivering PATTY, a lightish coloured negro woman, pitted with the small pox, about 30 years of age, walks well, and generally fast, is rather above the middle size, well shaped, a good sempstress, and dresses neatly. J. SYME.

PORT YORK RIVER, *Feb.* 14, 1777.

NOTICE *is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that the naval office for this district is kept at* York *town, where attendance will be given to enter and clear vessels according to law.*

MATTHEW POPE, naval officer.

*** *I have appointed mr.* Lawrence Smith *to act as deputy in my absence.*

To be SOLD at publick vendue, at the town of *Fredericksburg*, on *Thursday* the 6th of *March* next,

THE *sloop* Unity, *about* 60 *tuns burthen, with her tackle and apparel; she is a prime sailer, and well found with sails and rigging. Also the sloop* BUNNETTA, *about* 20 *tuns burthen, with her tackle and apparel; she is a remarkable swift sailer, and well found. Likewise several* NEGROES 2‖ DAVID LOUDON.

THE continental officers of the new raised troops of the following counties, *Augusta, Amherst, Fairfax, Culpeper, Orange, Spotsylvania, Fauquier, Cumberland, Caroline, Stafford*, and *King George*, are desired to take notice, that by a resolution of the Hon. the Governour and Council they are formed into a battalion, to be under my command; and as soon as any of them complete their quota of men, they are hereby desired to march immediately to *Fredericksburg*, where they will receive further instructions. It is recommended that the men furnish themselves with every necessary that they possibly can for a camp.

EDWARD STEVENS, colonel of the 10th battalion.

THE *trustees of* Culpeper *GRAMMAR SCHOOL having indulged the subscriber with the whole profits of said school for the ensuing five years, he begs leave to assure the publick that the same care in the education and morals of his pupils may be depended on as formerly. His method and the classicks taught by him, are the same with those in the celebrated* Eaton *school. Every scholar furnishes one cord of wood, or* 5*s. at his entry; and punctual payments, at the rate of* 5*l.* per annum, *are expected quarterly, or every half year, as may be required. The neighbourhood is very convenient for boarding, and the place healthy. He will take four boarders himself, at* 12*l. each, if they bring bedding, otherwise* 15*l. one half the money paid at entrance.*

1‖ *ADAM GOADLET.*

HANOVER, *Feb.* 14, 1777.

WILLIAM DAWSON, late of *Williamsburg*, who enlisted in capt. *John Winston's* company of continental regulars under me, is desired to repair without loss of time to *Hanover* courthouse.

2‖ JOHN OVERTON, jun. lieut.

ADAM JONES and *Dudley Ballard*, late of capt. *Ballard's* company of minute men from *Mecklenburg*, *William Wooddy* and *Zachariah King*, late of capt. *Winston's* company of minute-men from *Hanover*, who enlisted in the company lately commanded by capt. *Nicholas*, are ordered to wait on the commanding officer at *Williamsburg* immediately. On failure, they will be treated as deserters.

SAMUEL COBBS, lieut.

FEBRUARY 10, 1777.

THE first day of *September* last I lent capt. *Thomas Tebbs*, of the 2d regiment, at *King William* courthouse, a bay horse about 14 hands high, 6 or 7 years old, with a small star in his forehead, one or both of his hind feet white, his brand (if any) forgot, together with a saddle and bridle, which capt. *Tebbs* promised to take care of, and return in a month; and as capt. *Tebbs* is since dead, and I have not yet received horse, saddle, or bridle, I will thank any of his friends who will give me information where they are, or a reward of TEN DOLLARS to any person who will deliver them to me in *King William* county, near *Ruffin's* ferry, in three months from the date hereof.

DRURY RAGSDALE.

THE 2d regiment having marched to the Northward, all officers to whom general *Lewis* gave furloughs till last spring, on account of their ill state of health, have my positive orders to join their regiment immediately. Those officers who have been promoted by the committees must still consider themselves as officers of the 2d regiment until they have permission from general *Lewis* to resign, and are therefore ordered immediately to follow their regiment with the men they have recruited.—Lieut. *Marks* is ordered to give *John Shelton* a fifer, whom he recruited in *Williamsburg* when the regiment was discharged, a pass to join his regiment to the Northward.

ALEX: SPOTSWOOD, lieut. col. 2d regiment.

HANOVER county, *Feb.* 2, 1777.

THE gentlemen officers of the 4th *Virginia* regiment, sent from head quarters on the recruiting service, will be pleased to observe, that his Excellency general *Washington* has ordered me to superintend the recruiting business of the said regiment, during my stay in *Virginia*. They will therefore acquaint me once in every week, by way of letter, or by any other way more convenient to them, of the success they meet with I trust it is unnecessary to make use of many words to prove the entire necessity of their being uncommonly active and diligent in procuring men at this critical period of *American* affairs. That the campaign will open very early in the spring, seems a matter little to be doubted; and how essentially material it is that we have a respectable army to oppose the enemy, when they do again take the field, you, gentlemen, who have lately left the scene of action, must be competent judges, for that all the advantages the enemy have been ever able to gain over us were owing to the exceeding inferiority of numbers on our side is a fact much to be lamented, however weak or wicked men may disbelieve, or insinuate to the contrary.

Letters directed for me at major *Thomas Williams's*, *Amelia* county, any time before the last of this month, when I hope the recruiting service will be in such a situation as to enable me to return to camp with a sufficient number of men to repair the deficiency in the 4th *Virginia* regiment.

RO: LAWSON, lieut. colonel 4th regiment.

To be SOLD at publick vendue, at mr. Bucktrout's *store in* Williamsburg, *on* Wednesday *the 5th of* March *next*,

A CARGO of goods just imported from *St. Eustatia*, consisting of *Russia* sail duck, striped blankets, *German* osnabrugs, white linens, cuteau and penknives, knives and forks, pins, needles, ivory combs, and several other articles Also the following medicines, *viz.* Jesuits bark, Ipecacuanha, *Spanish* flies, camphor, jallap, calomel, opium, myrrh, aloes, and salts. The sale to begin at 10 o'clock.

JOHN HART, & co.

TO be sold to the highest bidder, for ready money, on Thursday *the 27th of* February, *at* Sleepy Hole *ferry, on* Nansemond *river, the sloop YORK, burthen* 20 *tuns or thereabouts, taken by virtue of a bottomry, by*

JOSEPH GODWIN.

STOCKING FRAMES.

FOUR *excellent STOCKING FRAMES*, viz. *One steel one no.* 25, *and three wooden ones no.* 14, 15, *and* 17. *Any person inclining to purchase may apply to the subscribers, in* Fredericksburg.

JAMES SOMERVILE.
GEORGE MUIR.

*** *The above frames being of the proper numbers, and a chosen quality, are particularly well adapted for a manufactory.*

ELIZABETH CITY, *Feb.* 6, 1777.

WE intend to leave the colony soon. All those indebted to the concern of messr. *Alexander & George Graham* are desired to apply and have their accounts adjusted immediately.

ROBERT WALKER.
JOHN GRAHAM.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Middlesex*, on the 3d of *February* 1777, two negro men, named *NASSAW* and *OLIVER*, late the property of *Charles Carter*, esq; of *Lancaster*, but am informed they are the right of the country, having been sold to mr. *Adams* at the works on the falls of *James* river. The owner is desired to come and prove his property, pay charges, and take them away.

JOHN CRAINE.

BRUNSWICK, *Feb.* 1, 1777.

RUN away from the subscriber, a *Virginia* born negro man named *WILL*, of a yellow complexion, very artful, has a scar on his nose, and is 5 feet 7 inches high. He was committed to *Elizabeth City* jail some time in *December* last, from which he made his escape; he then called himself *Jack*, and said he belonged to *William Bowls* of *New York*. He is outlawed. I will give 5l. to any one who will commit him to jail, if he is delivered to my order, or 10l. if delivered to me in *Brunswick*. All masters of vessels are forewarned from carrying him out of the country.

GEORGE WALKER.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Mecklenburg*, on the north side of *Roanoke*, near *King's* ford, the 18th of *December* last, AUSTIN, a lusty negro fellow, of a very yellow complexion, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, about 30 years old, was burnt when a child in his right hand, which occasioned him to lose his thumb, and his fore finger is doubled up and grows fast to his hand; had on when he went away a pair of light coloured shag breeches, shoes and yarn stockings, a new cotton and tow hunting shirt, which he wore over some old jackets and his other shirt, and had with him a pair of blue broadcloth breeches, with other things in a wallet. Whoever conveys the said fellow to me, if taken over 50 miles from my house, shall have 5l. reward, if at a smaller distance 50s. paid by

PETERFIELD JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 2 1777.

ALL officers belonging to the 3d battalion of continental troops raised for the state of *Georgia*, now within this commonwealth, are desired to collect what men they have enlisted, at the places the respective captains shall deem most convenient for their rendezvous, by the 20th instant, that the mens wants may be supplied as far as possible, and that time may be had to procure the necessaries that are wanting for their march, which I am determined shall begin the first of *February*.

ROBERT RAE, lieut. col.

STRAYED *or STOLEN from the subscriber, the* 13*th of this instant, a black horse near* 14 *hands high, about* 10 *years old, shod all round, a natural pacer, with hanging mane and switch tail, has a sore on his left shoulder, and is upland bred. Whoever brings the said horse to me, in* Williamsburg, *shall have* 20*s. reward; and if stolen, on conviction of the thief,* 3*l.*

JAMES CRAIG.

STOLEN the 22d of *September* last from the subscriber, living on *Hico* river, *North Carolina*, a bright bay mare about 14 hands and a half high, 6 years old, a natural pacer, has some white in her face, white hind feet, the off one, I think, above the joint, her near fore foot split almost to the hair, has some black streaks on one of her white hoofs, is with foal, and branded on the near shoulder and buttock O. Whoever delivers the said mare to me, or gives me such intelligence as I may get her again, shall have 5l. reward, and all reasonable charges.

THOMAS BLACK.

STOLEN the 3d of *Jan.* 1777, from the plantation of *William Hill*, deceased, in *Mecklenburg* county, on *Blue Stone* creek, a black horse about 4 feet 7 inches high, about 12 years old, a natural pacer, his mane hangs on the near side, has some saddle spots, and is branded on the near buttock W H; also a very light gray mare 5 years old next spring, about 4 feet 6 inches high, is high blooded, and branded on the near buttock W H; likewise a gray mare 7 or or 8 years old, 4 feet 5 or 6 inches high, neither dockt nor branded. Whoever brings the said creatures home again, or gives such intelligence as they may be got again, shall have 40s. reward for each, and 10l. for the thief, paid by the executors of the estate.

MARYLAND, *Plum* point, *Calvert* county, *Jan.* 21, 1777.

STOLEN from the subscriber, in the night of the 18th instant, a *SCHOONER BOAT* quite new, 22 feet straight rabbit, about 8 feet 4 inches beam; her pump is split and tarred, and has two iron rings on it below the deck; her hatches are made so as to receive horses, by opening quite to the larboard side; all her sails are standing. Whoever secures the said boat, and gives notice to the subscriber, shall have 5l. reward, if brought home 10l. and for the thief, on conviction, 15l.

HILARY WILSON.

STRAYED or STOLEN out of *Owen Gwathney's*, pasture, on *Saturday* the 21st of *September* last a very likely dark gray mare 4 years old next spring, with a lightish coloured spot in her forehead, rather over one eye, and a streak the same colour down one side of her rump, which continues as low as her ham, hanging mane, which parts about the midway of her neck, but has never been dockt nor branded. Whoever delivers the said mare, or gives me such intelligence as I get her again, shall receive SIX DOLLARS from the subscriber in *Caroline*, or *Owen Gwathney* in *King William*.

JOHN CLARK.

DUMFRIES, *Feb.* 1, 1777.

THE officers that are marching men to the continental army will pleaſe to apply to the commiſſaries at the following places to draw proviſions, viz. Mr. *James Hunter*, jun. *Frederickſburg*, mr. *Andrew Gifford* at *Dumfries*, and mr. *Joſiah Watſon* at *Alexandria*. As proviſions are now laid in all along the road to the camp, there is no farther occaſion for proviſion waggons.

(4) RICHARD GRAHAM, deputy commiſſary general.

AUGUSTA, *Jan.* 1, 1777.

WHEREAS I purchaſed a tract of land from a certain *Joſhua Baldwin*, for which I gave him ſundry bonds, and the ſaid *Baldwin* having failed to give me a right to and poſſeſſion of the land, I hereby forewarn all perſons from taking an aſſignment of any of my bonds, as I am determined not to pay them, until he makes good his contract.

2‖ SAMUEL M'PHEETERS.

WHEREAS I gave my bond to *Richard L. Lee*, of the county of *Lancaſter*, for the ſum of 171. current money of *Virginia*, payable the firſt day of *April* 1778, for a plantation that he rented of mrs. *Sarah Jones* of the ſame county, which plantation he has given a bill of ſale for to mr. *Thomas Pinckard*, to indemnify him for being his ſecurity, I therefore forewarn all perſons from taking any aſſignment of the ſaid bond, as I am determined not to pay it until I have a juſt right made me to the ſaid plantation.

2‖ JOHN PARROTT.

FREDERICKSBURG, *Jan.* 6, 1777.

DESERTED from my troop of light horſe, about the 1ſt of *November* laſt, *GEORGE WEST*, 5 feet 11 inches high, very ſlender made, born in *Hanover*, has dark hair, and is 18 years old. *JAMES M'CALLION*, upwards of 6 feet high, born in *Newcaſtle*, *Pennſylvania*, has dark hair and blue eyes, ſtoops in his ſhoulders, and is 24 years old. The ſaid *M'Callion*, I am informed, has enliſted under one *Robert Poythreſs*, who was recruiting for the *Georgia* ſervice under capt. *Scott*. I therefore forewarn the ſaid *Scott* or *Poythreſs* from carrying him out of this colony, and will give *TWENTY DOLLARS* reward to any perſon who will ſecure the ſaid deſerter and deliver him to general *Lewis*, or his Excellency the Governour in *Williamſburg*, and *TEN DOLLARS* reward for ſecuring *Weſt*, on delivering him to either of the above mentioned gentlemen.

RICHARD CALL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Feb.* 12, 1777.

IT is expected that thoſe criminals who have been bailed ſince the 20th of *October* 1775, as well as all witneſſes who, ſince that time, have entered into recognizances to give evidence, at the *Capitol* in this city, againſt perſons charged with offences triable in the General Court, or court of *Oyer* and *Termin r* only, and have not yet diſcharged the ſame, will attend at the ſaid *Capitol* on *Tueſday* the 8th day of *April* next. The witneſſes will oblige me by coming to me on the evening of the day preceding.

EDMUND RANDOLPH

To be LET on the laſt Wednesday in this month (February)

THE repairing of *Page*'s and *Crutchfield*'s warehouſes, and the building of one 120 feet long and 24 feet wide, to be done in the beſt manner.

JOHN MERIWETHER.

2‖ THOMAS GARLAND.

TO BE SOLD.

A FINE bay horſe COLT, prettily marked, 14 hands 3 inches high, coming four, his dam *Camilla*, who was got by *Fearnought*, from a beautiful half-blooded mare, his ſire an high bred *Janus*, which was famous for begetting the fineſt horſes for the harneſs or ſaddle. For terms inquire of the Printer. (3)

To be SOLD at publick ſale before the Raleigh *in* Williamſburg, *for ready money, on* Thurſday *the 6th of* March *next*,

A CARGO of dry goods, conſiſting of *Ruſſia* ſail duck, ſtriped blankets oſnabrugs, black pepper, gunpowder, writing paper and *Bath* coating.---We are in want of 500 wt. of TALLOW, for which we will give 1s. per lb. alſo 100 hhds. of the beſt MOUNTAIN TOBACCO, for which we will give 20s. per 100wt. Thoſe who have theſe articles for ſale are deſired to apply to *Turner Southall*, or *Abraham Cowley*, who will be authoriſed to pay for the ſame, or to

JOSHUA STORRS,
H WALKER & co.

HALIFAX county, *Dan river*, *Jan.* 12. 1777.

I AM appointed to ſettle *John Boyd*'s accounts, with the conſent of his friends, as he is a man given to drink, ſubject to fits, and of an unſound mind. I take this method to acquaint the publick of it, and hope for the future no perſon will take advantage of him under theſe circumſtances,

2‖ GEORGE BOYD, jun.

PORT RAPPAHANNOCK.

MASTERS and owners of veſſels, and all others whom it may concern, are requeſted to take notice that the naval office for the diſtrict of *Rappahanock* river is now open on *Morattico Point* (perhaps better known by the name of *Tarpley's Point*) at the mouth of *Morattico* creek, about midway between *Hobb's Hole* and *Urbanna*, where due attendance will be given to diſcharge the duty of the ſaid office according to law.

HUDSON MUSE, naval officer.

LEFT in the care of doctor *Simon Taylor*, laſt *Auguſt*, at *Portſmouth*, a *TRUNK* of *CLOTHES* containing one ſuit of raven gray, almoſt new, coat and breeches of a dove colour, four or five broadcloth jackets and breeches, two caſſimir coats and breeches, one of a pea green, the other of a claret colour, two ſatin jackets, one perſian do. ſeven ſhirts and ſtocks, four pair of ſilk ſtockings, three pair cotton do. four pair worſted do. one hat, a pair of new ſhoe boots, and two pair of ſhoes. If the doctor has left them in the care of any perſon, and they will inform me where I can get them, I will give *TWENTY DOLLARS* reward.

‖ BEN. NETHERLAND, jun.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber at *Williamſburg*, on *Sunday* the 2d inſtant, two ſmall gray mares with hanging manes and ſwitch tails, one of which has loſt an eye; likewiſe on the 10th, a black horſe about 15 hands high, and a bright bay mare about 14 hands 3 inches high, the latter of which is branded (I think) on the left buttock, TM in a piece, though not plain to be ſeen. Whoever will deliver the ſaid horſes to mr. *Anthony Singleton* in *Williamsburg*, or the ſubſcriber in *Middleſex*, or give ſuch information as I may get them again, ſhall have 40s. reward, which ſhall be paid in proportion to the horſes received; and if ſtolen, on conviction of the thief, 10l.

JOHN READE.

To be SOLD, on Thurſday *the 27th of this inſtant, at the town of Portſmouth, for ready money,*

THE ſhip *FRIENDSHIP*, with her rigging, tackle, apparel, and furniture, burthen 300 tuns or thereabouts, and her cargo, conſiſting of a large quantity of *MOHOGANY*, *LOGWOOD*, and *SARSAPARILLA*, one *NEGRO MAN*, a ſhip carpenter by trade, a quantity of *DEER SKINS*, and ſundry other things. The above ſhip was taken by the *Northampton* privateer, *James Powell* maſter. The ſale to begin at 10 o'clock, and to continue until all is ſold.

2‖ JOHN HARMANSON, & co.

THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN *away from* Hunter's *iron works*, *the falls of* Rappahannock *river*, *the* 12*th of* Auguſt *laſt*, *a mulatto fellow named* JAMES, *about 5 feet* 8 *or* 9 *inches high*, *a ſtraight made fellow*, *has rather a thin viſage*, *has the marks of a whip on his back*, *which he got ſeveral years before I had him; he is about* 26 *years of age*, *was ſome time on board the* Scorpion *privateer*, *and paſſed for a freeman*, *by the name of* John James. *He left the ſaid veſſel in* Rappahannock *river the* 12*th inſtant*. *Whoever ſecures the ſaid ſlave in any jail ſhall receive the above reward paid at the jail before the ſlave is taken away*, *or on delivering him to me on the ſaid river*, *near* Caſon's *ferry*, King George *county*.

Forty likely Virginia *born young SLAVES will be ſold at* Fredericksburg *the* 2*d day of* April, *for caſh*, *by*

JOHN THORNTON.

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber at *Newcaſtle* in *Hanover* county, the 9th of *November* laſt, a full blooded bay roan mare 5 years old laſt ſpring, and near 5 feet high, has more white hairs upon her rump than any where elſe, was ſhod all round, but ſuppoſe the thief may take off her ſhoes to prevent detection, and is a little lame in her right hind leg, which is very perceivable when ſhe trots. I will give 40s. to any one who will give intelligence of the ſaid mare, ſo that I get her again, or 3l. if brought home, and 5l. on conviction of the thief, if a white man.

2‖ RICHARD JOHNSON.

PETERSBURG, *Feb.* 7, 1777.

THE ſubſcriber wants to hire 50 ſtout NEGRO MEN for the uſe of his iron works in *Bedford* county, and will give *ready money* for twenty YOUNG NEGRO FELLOWS from 16 to 20 years of age.

‖ DAVID ROSS.

THE ſoldiers enliſted by capt. *Benjamin Porter*, or any of his ſub-alterns, of the 2d *Georgia* battalion, are deſired to meet at mr. *Charles Porter*'s in *Orange*, on the 25th of this inſtant (*February*) when they will receive what is due to them up to that date. Thoſe who do not attend may depend upon being treated as deſerters.

2‖ WILLIAM D. STROTHER, lieut.

JOHN WEBSTER, of *Prince Edward*, who enliſted under me the firſt of laſt month, and obtained a furlough, which has been expired for ſome time is deſired to repair to the place of rendezvous, in *New Kent* county, immediately, otherwiſe he will be treated as a deſerter.

2‖ ABNER CRUMP, capt.

FOR SALE,

ABOUT 40 ſtall fed BEEVES. Any perſon inclining to purchaſe may apply to brigadier general *Perſon*, in *Granville* county, *North Carolina*, or to the ſubſcriber in *Orange* county, or mr. *James Minitree* at *Newport* mill.

2‖ ROBERT DICKINS.

WILLIAMSBURG: Printed by ALEXANDER PURDIE, at the CONSTITUTIONAL POST-OFFICE.

To be SOLD on *Tuesday* the 4th of *March*, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to the highest bidders,

THE *lot and houses on the main street in* Williamsburg, *adjoining the* Raleigh *tavern, where mr.* Alexander Craig *formerly lived. A house and part of a lot in* Waller *street, with a lot and stable some little distance therefrom. A pasture of six or seven acres, enclosed, adjoining mr.* Southall's *pasture. Also 50 acres of wood land, about five miles from town, on the road to* Jamestown. *Half the purchase money to be paid down, and for the residue* 12 *months credit will be allowed, the purchasers giving bond and security to*

(4) JOHN M. GALT, GABRIEL MAUPIN, } executors.

*** *We once more request the favour of all persons indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, which will be of infinite service to mr.* Craig's *family.*

JUNIUS will stand at his usual place in *Prince Edward*, under the direction of my brother, to cover mares the ensuing spring at 20s. the leap, 3l. the season (payable in *October*) and 5l. to ensure the pregnancy of a mare.

Junius has sufficiently distinguished himself by the activity and symmetry of form of his colts, and his blood is inferiour to no horse in *America*, which is well authenticated by col. *Harrison*'s certificate, who is a gentleman of veracity.

6‖ EDWARD WATTS.

I do hereby certify, that the bay horse *Junius*, now the property of mr. *Edward Watts* of *Prince Edward*, was bred by me and got by col. *Taylor*'s running horse *Yorick*, his dam by *Othello* (as high a bred horse as ever came to *America*) his grandam by *Monkey* (an imported horse) out of the old running *Spanish* mare that was originally imported by my father. Given under my hand, this 8th of *November*, 1776.

NATHANIEL HARRISON.

WANTED immediately, to wait upon an officer going to the Northward, a white or black SERVANT who understands taking care of horses, and if he can shave and dress it will be the more agreeable. Good wages will be given. For farther particulars inquire of the printer.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of my waggon, 15 miles above *Albemarle* courthouse, in the night between the 16th and 17th of *December* last, a large dark bay (or rather black) horse, about 6 years old, 15 hands and an inch high, with a bald face, three white feet, his mane half roached, a short switch tail, with some few white hairs about the root of it, one small saddle spot, and was shod round. The thief is supposed to be gone towards *Pennsylvania* or *South Carolina*, and possibly may have traded away the horse. Whoever gives such intelligence as the said horse may be got again, to mr. *Sampson Matthews* at *Staunton*, or to the subscriber on *Carr*'s creek, *Augusta* county, shall have 30 dollars, and the above reward on conviction of the thief.

5‖ JAMES M'KEE.

YORK town, *Jan* 23, 1777.

RUN away, on *Friday* the 17th instant, an indented servant man, who came by the name of JOHN O'BRIEN, an *Irishman*, about 21 years of age, and a tailor by trade, about 5 feet 6 inches high, pitted with the smallpox, slim made, has a remarkable long head, and down look when speaking to him, has dark hair, can write extremely well, had on a brown frieze coat, a check shirt, and a black or blue waistcoat. He will not pass by his right name, nor own his country. Whoever will take him up, and bring him to me, shall have TEN POUNDS reward, and if secured in any jail, and send me information, so that I get him again, shall have FIVE POUND reward.

4 WILLIAM DAVIS.

[illegible] *Augustine Ransone, Thomas Shelton, William Anderson, John Willis, Robert Graves, Richard Anderson* and *Matthew Handley*. I will give the above reward for apprehending said deserters, or *TEN DOLLARS* for each, to be delivered to lieut. *James Baytop* at *Williamsburg*. I expect they are in *Gloucester*, where the company was raised, and are all natives of that county. —Such soldiers of the said company as have been indulged with furloughs are desired to join lieut. *Baytop* on or before the 5th of next month at *Williamsburg*, or they will be treated as deserters.

4 ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

I HAVE for sale a valuable plantation, on *Nottoway* river, adjacent to *Freeman*'s bridge, about 500 acres, whereon is a dwelling-house, with two rooms below and two above, with a passage on each floor underpinned and brick chimnies, and a cellar under the whole, a kitchen and laundry, with a shelter in the front the length of the whole building underpinned, and a stack of chimnies in the middle, with most other houses for a family, also an excellent orchard of the best *Hughes*'s crab and other fruits. It is the plantation that *Hartwell Marable*, deceased, resided on. One fourth part of the consideration to be paid at the expiration of the first year, and the residue at three equal annual payments afterwards, with interest upon the whole from the time possession is given. For farther particulars apply to col. *Herbert Claiborne* in *King William*, mr. *William Claiborne* at *Freeman*'s bridge, or to the subscriber in *Sussex*.

(if) AUGUSTINE CLAIBORNE.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD

For apprehending, and confining in any publick jail, *ROBIN*, a likely negro man, very black, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, slim, genteel, and active, well acquainted in *Hanover* and *York*, had on a blue short waistcoat, *Russia* drill breeches, and has other clothes, is under sentence of death for robbing and burning a house, but broke out of *King William* jail the night before he was to have been executed, to wit, the 7th of *November* last. He belonged to mr. *James Wallace Bayley* of *Hampton*, and has been seen in that neighbourhood. He may endeavour to conceal himself about *Kemp*'s landing, where he has a sister (who belonged to mr. *Greenwood*) or about *Petersburg*, where he has other relations; he is very sober, but deceiving, and may offer himself as a waiter or hostler, in case he should attempt to pass for a freeman. Whoever may apprehend the said negro will be pleased to give me immediate information thereof, and besides the above reward shall be satisfied for any expense or trouble in giving me notice. I particularly request, that in whatever jail he may be committed to he may be well secured.

JOHN HILL, sheriff of *K. Wm.*

*** Forty shillings will be paid for apprehending and delivering the above mentioned negro to the sheriff of *King William*, by

JAMES W. BAYLEY.

CAME to the plantation of the subscriber, some time in *June* last, two oxen, marked with a crop and slit in the left ear, and a slit in the right; the one pied, the other a brindle with a white face. They are branded on the horns thus (oc) Posted and appraised to 7l. 10s. The owner may have them by application to the subscriber at *Aquia*, *Stafford* county.

4 GEORGE BRENT.

RUBEN WHITLOCK, a ſoldier in the continental ſervice, enliſted by me, is deſired to meet me at *Richmond* by the firſt of *March*.

21 JOSEPH SELDEN, lieut.

JEREMIAH BRADSHAW, CHARLES IRBY and JESSE HARPER, ſoldiers in the 4th troop of horſe, having refuſed to ſend a certificate of their inability to join the regiment to which they belong, as was directed by major *Theodorick Bland*, are deemed deſerters. *Bradſhaw* lives in *Amelia* county, is about 5 feet 10 inches high, has ſandy coloured hair, a little freckled, and about 22 years of age. *Irby* lives alſo in *Amelia*, has light hair, is 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and about 19 years of age. *Harper* lives in *Prince Edward*, is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, has light brown hair, and about 21 years of age. A reward of 3l. will be given for each of the above deſerters, upon their being delivered to capt. *Benjamin Temple* at *Frederickſburg*.

ALEX: S. DANDRIDGE, lieut.

SPRIGHTLY will be let to mares the enſuing ſeaſon, at the ſubſcriber's plantation about 14 miles above *Peterſburg*, adjoining *Cocke*'s road. The high bred *Engliſh* horſe SPRIGHTLY, full 15 hands high, riſing 8 years old, is of a beautiful dark cheſtnut colour, and was got by *Wildair*'s *Babram*, his dam by *Rogers*'s *Babram*, his grandam by *Sedbury*, out of lord *Portmore*'s *Ebony*. He is well ſuited to breed for either the ſaddle or turf, being remarkably light and quick in his motements, and free from any blemiſh or hurt. He won the purſe for the four years old at *Epſom*, that ſame year he was imported. He will be let at 30s. a leap, or 4l. the ſeaſon, and the caſh will be expected before the mares are taken away. Various and extenſive paſturage, under a good fence, for the mares, *gratis*; and they ſhall be taken the greateſt care of; but I will not be anſwerable for any that may be miſſing.

ABRAHAM SMITH.

THE [illegible] ages, [illegible]

RICHARD [illegible]

WANTED [illegible] or 18 gallon [illegible] for which [illegible] applying to the ſubſcriber [illegible]

WILLIAM LITLETON.

*** *Who hereby ſells a quantity of excellent* SHIP BREAD.

HORN's HOLE, *January* 17, 1777.

AS I have declined the practice of phyſick, I will offer for ſale upon the 17th of *February* next (being *Eſter* court day) three lots in this town, on which is a brick dwelling-houſe having ſix fire-rooms, two cellars, and cloſets, with all neceſſary outhouſes. It is an excellent ſituation for a practitioner in phyſick, or merchant. A part of the money muſt be paid the 25th of *December* next, and a reaſonable credit will be allowed for the balance, on giving bond with approved ſecurity, to carry interest from the date, if not punctually diſcharged. All perſons indebted to the ſubſcriber are requeſted to make immediate payment to

MOSES FONTELEROY.

RICHMOND, *Surry* county, *June* 20, 1775.

For SALE, or will exchange for *ſuitable ſlaves*, at 3l. 10s. *a mare*.

THE beautiful bay horſe DON CARLOS, who is 8 years old, near 15 hands high, and very ſtrong. He was got by *Figure*, out of *Primroſe*. *Figure* was got by *Old Figure*; he was got by the *Beaufort Arabian*. *Primroſe* was got by *Dove*; he was got by *Young Cade*. Dam by *Figure*, grandam by *Stanley*'s *Arabian*, out of the *Garſon* mare, who won ſix king's plates. *Primroſe*'s dam was *Stella*; ſhe was got by *Othello*; he was got by *Crab*. *Stella*'s dam *Selima*; ſhe was got by the *Godolphin Arabian*.

*** Should any gentleman incline to purchaſe *Don Carlos*, I will take young negroes in part, or the whole.

(5) WILLIAM BRENT.

RUN away [illegible] living [illegible] about 5 feet [illegible] black hair, [illegible] when [illegible] with his jaws, [illegible] a good felt hat, [illegible] hunting ſhirt of flax and [illegible] old hunting jacket, and old blue cloth [illegible] without ſleeves, an old tow ſhirt, a pair of linſey breeches patched on the [illegible] with red, a pair of ſtockings of white and black twiſted together, and a pair of ſhoes half worn and with ſtrings. *William Hamilton*, an *Engliſhman*, about 6 feet high, well ſet, has light hair, a ſcar on his cheek, ſuppoſed to be done by the kick of a horſe, had on an old felt hat, a linen hunting ſhirt, an under jacket, part linſey and part cloth, a pair of tow trowſers, a pair of ſtockings black and white mixed, and an old pair of ſhoes much worn. Any perſon who will ſecure the ſaid ſervants, ſo that the owners may have them again, ſhall have FIVE POUNDS reward for each, to be paid by

ABRAHAM LEWIS.
JOSEPH LEWIS.

STRAYED from the ſubſcriber in *Buckingham*, about the middle of *April* laſt, a young black mare, two years old, a gentle, was not docked, but branded on the near ſhoulder and buttock, O. Whoever gives me ſuch intelligence as I may get her again ſhall have 20s. reward, beſides what the law allows.

JOHN BERNARD.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, in *Williamſburg*, a ruſty black horſe [illegible] hands high, 9 or 10 years old, [illegible] ſhort ſwitch tail, his mane hanging on both ſides of his neck, has a great many ſaddle ſpots, and is ſhod all round. Whoever gives me ſuch intelligence as I may get him again ſhall have 10s. reward, and if ſtolen 3l. on conviction of the thief.

PATRICK ROBERTSON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Feb.* 7, 1777.

JAMES MOIR, tailor, begs leave to inform the publick, that he has juſt opened ſhop above mr. *Robert Nicolſon*'s, and ſhall be much obliged to thoſe who favour him with their cuſtom.

ANY *ſingle man who will come well recommended as a* WAGGONER *will meet with very good encouragement from the ſubſcriber, living in* Spotſylvania, *near* Holliday's *ordinary*.

WILLIAM ELLIS.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber near *Suffolk*, *September* 24, 1776, two horſes, *viz*. A ſorrel, about 4 feet 7 inches high, about 6 years old, with hanging mane and ſwitch tail has a ſmall white ſtreak in his forehead about two inches long and half an inch wide, in a circular form, and paces and trots remarkably ſlow. A white, about 4 feet 9 inches high, 15 years old, with hanging mane and ſwitch tail, trots and gallops, but has no brand perceivable. Whoever brings the ſaid horſes to me, or gives ſuch intelligence as I get them again, ſhall have 3l. reward for each.

ROBERT M. RIDDICK.

N. B. The above horſes are ſuppoſed to be ſtolen by ſome deſerters from the 4th regiment.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of mr. *Lawrence Egmon*'s paſture, on *Sunday* the 19th of this inſtant (*January*) a ſorrel horſe about 14 hands and a half high, with a blaze face, a wall eye, flaxen mane and very long tail, had been ſhod all round, his hind feet white, but has no other mark that I recollect. I ſuſpect he is rode off by ſome deſerter, who may probably dock and trim him to prevent a diſcovery. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to me, in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have the above reward, and on conviction of the thief 20 dollars.

JOHN ROWSAY.

*** BORAX to be ſold by the pound.